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OS X SIG
The Foundation
219 Second Street North Suite 200
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AppleWorks SIG
Augsburg Library 6:30 PM
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VectorWorks SIG
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Microsoft Word SIG
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Perkins 7:00 AM
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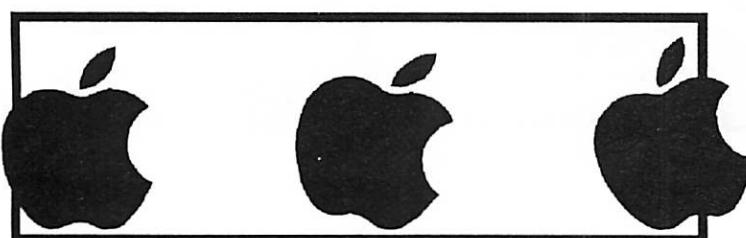
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October 2006 Preview

Here is the tentative calendar of our Special Interest Group (SIG) meetings for October 2006. Please pencil these events on your calendar. As always, when doubtful of a SIG date, time, or location, confirm with one of the following:

- At www.miniapples.org
- The cognizant SIG Leader

Monday	October	2	Board of Directors meeting
Tuesday	October	3	OS X SIG
Wednesday	October	4	AppleWorks SIG
Tuesday	October	10	VectorWorks SIG
Wednesday	October	11	Microsoft Word SIG
Thursday	October	15	Macintosh Consultants
Tuesday	October	17	Mac Main SIG
Monday	October	23	Mac Q & A SIG

Members Helping Members

Need Help? Have a question the manual doesn't answer? Members Helping Members is a group of volunteers who have generously agreed to help. They are just a phone (or an e-mail) away. Please call only during the appropriate times, if you are a member, and own the software in question.

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D: Days, generally 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

E: Evenings, generally 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

W: Weekends, generally 1 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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Please call at reasonable hours, and ask if it is a convenient time for them. By the way, many of these volunteers can also be contacted on our BBS. We appreciate your cooperation.

If you would like to be a Members Helping Member volunteer, please send an e-mail message to John Pruski on our BBS, or call him at 952-938-2818, with your name, telephone number, contact hours, and the software or hardware areas you are willing to help others.

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mini'app'les Board minutes, August 7, 2006

Submitted by Les Anderson Acting Sec'y.

Meeting called to order at 7pm by President Gates. Present were; Tom Gates, Don Walz, Bert Persson, Kevin Strysik, Chuck Hauge, Les Anderson, & Erik Knopp.

Don moved to accept the agenda, seconded by Chuck. Passed

Minutes of the June meeting were approved electronically.

Don handed out the treasurers report. Chuck moved to accept, seconded by Bert. Passed.

Director Reports:

President - Tom deferred to the business portion of the meeting.

Vice President - Bert said the Ham Fest Swap Meet will be in October at the River Centre. Bert moved to spend about \$40.00 for a table and 2 tickets. Seconded by Les. Passed.

Secretary - Absent

Publication Director - Absent

SIG Director - Kevin reported that we don't have a formal SIG leader for the Mac Main SIG since Celeste Stokes left the club. He also sent an e-mail to all

the SIG leaders asking for updates on meeting times and location. About half replied.

Marketing Director - Chuck reported that he will try to get our SIG meetings listed in the local section of the Pioneer Press. He also sent a letter to the Computer User to update our listing and will try to get a listing in the Star-Tribune.

Past President - Les reported that we need to do multiple mailings to some members to keep above the 200 needed for bulk mailing. We have only 128 members and mail about another 70 copies to libraries, and user groups.

Unfinished Business:

Tom reported the IRS information was sent in June, and he has seen nothing further.

New Business:

A proposed 2006-2007 budget was presented by Tom. After discussion of revised information, Tom will rework the numbers for the next BOD meeting.

Dream Weaver Update. The Webmaster reports some problems updating the web pages. More infor-

mation is needed to determine if the problem lies with the software or elsewhere.

ProSoft Engineering - Tom was contacted by ProSoft. They are doing demos at User Groups, and Tom scheduled them for the Oct. 17 Main Mac SIG.

Tom will try to schedule a fall workshop for Nov. 11 at St. Charles School.

Annual Audit. Don will be closing the books at the end of August. Les will contact Dave Lundin to see if he will do the audit.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm. Next meeting Oct. 2 Merriam Park Library.

Product Review of the i-RIDE Bicycle Stereo System

Submitted by John C. Hunkins, Sr.

The i-RIDE is a speaker system designed to be mounted on a bicycle for use with an iPod.

The i-RIDE is sold by Active Tunes, PO Box 2081, Ocean NJ 07712, <http://www.active-tunes.com>. The i-RIDE sells for \$29.99. My total cost including shipping was \$36.26.

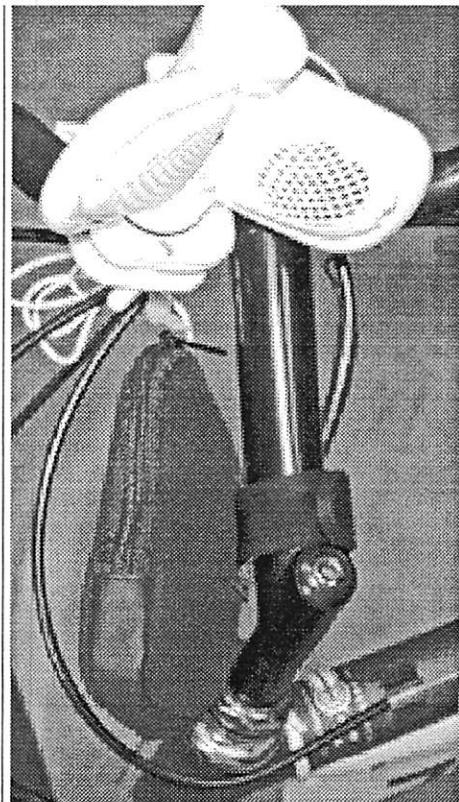
I found this device while searching the Internet for some 'bicycle speakers'. I was expecting to find a story about how someone jury rigged some speakers on to a bicycle. What I found was a ready to install, easy to install, and reasonably priced speaker system designed with the iPod in mind.

Included in the i-RIDE are the speaker assembly (speakers), a mounting bracket for the speakers, a stereo cable for connecting the speakers to the headphone jack of the iPod, a power cable for use off the bicycle

powering the speakers from a USB connector, and a pouch for storing the speakers and cables off the bicycle and for securing the iPod for use on the bicycle. The only extras needed are three AAA batteries, an iPod loaded with tunes, and a bicycle.

I ride the National Multiple Sclerosis Society's The Ride Across Minnesota (TRAM) and used the i-RIDE on the TRAM and on my training rides. I mounted the speaker bracket on the handle bar of my bike. The pouch which holds the iPod comes with a velcro strap; I secured it to the gooseneck of the handle bar. The stereo cable is about two feet long so that the i-RIDE and iPod may be mounted in a variety of locations.

The speaker assembly consists of two wing-like speakers attached to a cylindrical base. The wing-like speakers fold and unfold for use and storage much like a butterfly. The speaker assembly snaps into the mounting



bracket for use. The speaker assembly may be removed by pressing on a release lever and lifting the speaker assembly. On the TRAM I did experience three or four instances where bumpy roads 'ejected' the speaker assembly. Lucky for me I had routed the stereo cable over the top of the handle bar and the right angle connector of the stereo cable held onto speaker assembly. I am going to look for a couple of heavy duty rubber bands (binders) for securing the speaker assembly. The Active Tunes folks recommend such use of rubber bands when mounting the speakers in an upside down manner.

The speakers are powered by three AAA batteries. On the TRAM I used Energizer 850 mAh NiMH rechargeable batteries. I estimate I got about nine hours of use before needing to swap out or recharge the batteries. Active Tunes supplies a DC power cable for the i-RIDE for use off the bike. This cable has a USB connector for connecting to a device such as a powered USB hub.

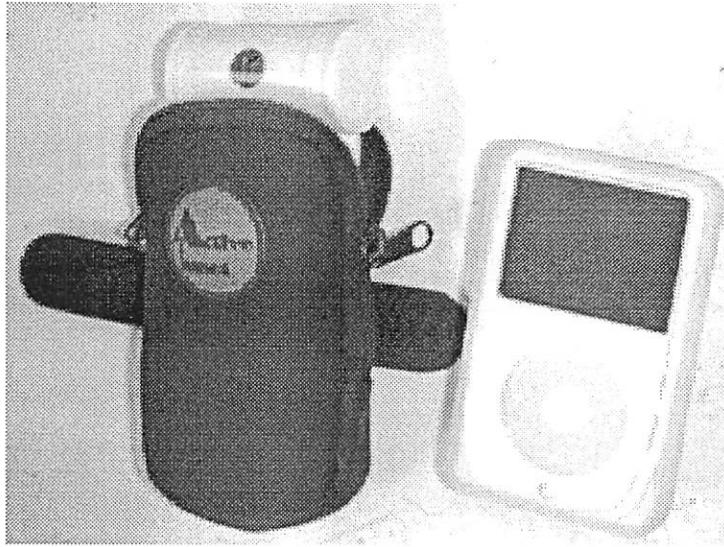
Don't expect any booming sound from the i-RIDE. The sound will be drowned out by passing flatulence-sounding Harleys, snorting semis, and

other loud vehicles. The sound will also be drown out by the turbulence of the air passing your ears at higher speeds. For me and my big ears that was generally above 15 mph; I average 12 mph so that was no problem.

How do they sound? Good. Darn Good! (My music qualifications: My last formal music training was a semester of 8th Grade Music almost 50 years ago. I received a 'D' one quarter and a 'C' the other quarter. As I have said many times "the only way I can carry a tune is in an iPod".)

Listening to tunes on the TRAM was great; I marched, polkaed, and waltzed up and down the hills. Tunes seemed to make the riding easier. On some of the harder hills I had people stay right behind me for the tunes. I did not see any other i-RIDES on the TRAM. Several people inquired. I expect more i-RIDES on the TRAM next year.

Final word: Whether tooling around Lake Calhoun or Phalen, or rolling along on the TRAM, the i-RIDE is great way to get your tunes.



Joke for newsletter: Acts 2:38

Submitted by Jim Nye

Acts 2:38

An elderly woman had just returned to her home from an evening of church services when she was startled by an intruder.

She caught the man in the act of robbing her home of its valuables and yelled, STOP! Acts 2:38! (Repent and be baptized, in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven.)

The burglar stopped in his tracks. The woman calmly called the police and explained what she had done.

As the officer cuffed the man to take him in, he asked the burglar, "Why did you just stand there? All the old lady did was yell a scripture to you."

"Scripture?" replied the burglar. "She said she had an Ax and Two 38's!"

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July 18, 2006

These User Group discounts are brought to you by the Apple User Group Advisory Board. (Big thanks to Board member and vendor relations coordinator Tom Piper.)

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- HarmonyExpress: regularly \$39 (US),

AUG Price \$31 (US)

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Be sure to remind your membership

Upcoming Events

Submitted by Bert Persson

October 17 Main Mac meeting

For our Main Mac meeting on October 17th some people from ProSoft Engineering will give a presentation of their products which include backup software for iPod's.

Members Workshop in November

Join other mini'app'les members on Saturday November 11th for the Fall Weekend Workshop.

Members are available to help with hardware problems, software prob-

lems, any kind of questions you may have.

The passwords to get into this exclusive User Group site are:

July 15 - July 31

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August 1 - October 31

User ID: mug

Password: store

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This offer is available to members of U.S. user groups.

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S/16 to 11/15

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Miniapples Annual auction

The auction has been scheduled for December 9 at the Washburn Library 5244 Lyndale Ave So, Minneapolis. At this time we are looking for newer used working Macintosh equipment which mean that they have to be USB and OS X capable. In addition we are not accepting CRT monitors unless included in a complete working system, LCD monitors can be accepted on a limited basis. No SCSI equipment will be accepted. Software should be OS X compliant, books should be relevant to newer operating systems.

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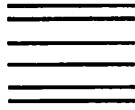
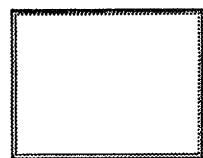
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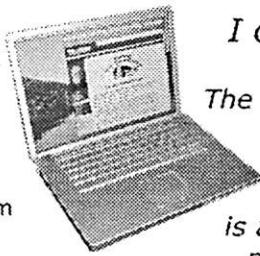
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Eligibility for frequent drawings of free equipment, software, and books.

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Periodic special User Group discount offers on equipment and software.

In the past, Apple, Hayes, Brøderbund, and APC Power Protection (Business Security Products), among others, have offered mini'app'les members significant discounts.

Plus, you're supporting all of mini'app'les' special interest group (SIG) meetings that you can attend each month.

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